



# Ocotillo

## Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



Councilmember Norma Alvarez

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I would like to thank the Glencroft residents for inviting me to their Glencroft Residents Association Meeting this week. The meeting was very informative and it was a pleasure for me to introduce myself to those I had not previously met.

Thank you Glencroft!

— Councilmember Norma Alvarez



**Alarm Ordinance.** FREE permit applications are now available to register your security alarm with the Glendale Police Department.

Glendale's Alarm Ordinance, similar to those in dozens of cities throughout the state, was created with the intent to reduce the number of false alarms throughout the city. Generating a false alarm is a violation of Glendale Ordinance Chapter 3, Alarm Ordinance. February 1 through March 8 has been designated as a "grace period" to allow residents and business owners an opportunity to become familiar with the ordinance and correct any problems that may be causing false alarms.

Effective March 9, 2011 the Glendale Police Department will begin to enforce the new ordinance. A warning letter will be sent to alarm system owners after the first false alarm.

Subsequent false alarms within a 365 day period will result in the assessment of fees which increase with each additional false alarm.

For questions, comments or more information on the fee structure or the ordinance, please call the Glendale Police Alarm Ordinance Hotline (623) 930-2466 or e-mail [AlarmCoordinator@glendaleaz.com](mailto:AlarmCoordinator@glendaleaz.com). A fact sheet and an online application are available on the police department website at [www.glendaleaz.com/police](http://www.glendaleaz.com/police).

**March Job Searching Labs.** Are you finding that job searching online can be overwhelming? Need help establishing an e-mail account, creating a resume or applying online? Want to create a resume or fine tune it? Glendale Public Library offers job coaching and assistance at all three locations on the following dates in March:

**Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.:** 2 p.m.-4 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: March 2, March 9, March 23 and March 30. Job Searching Labs at Velma Teague are facilitated by Michael Burton, Information Technology Specialist at Glendale Public Library.

**Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.:** Thursday, March 3, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, March 8, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Thursday, March 10, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Thursday, March 17, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, March 22, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Thursday, March 24, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Thursday, March 31, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Job Searching Labs at the Main Library are facilitated by Steve Schrade, an Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, and president of SupHRmarket Services, a human resource consulting firm.

**Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.:** 10 a.m.-noon on the following Tuesdays: March 1, March 8 and March 15. Job Searching Labs at Foothills are facilitated by job coach Phyllis Gendreau, who brings over 30 years of classroom teaching experience at both the high school and college levels.

The free, walk-in computer labs are made possible in part by a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, along with the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. No registration is necessary.

**Green Living Contests.** Kids can get out their drawing supplies; teens and adults their cameras. All ages can help promote 'green' living and win prizes in upcoming contests hosted by the city of Glendale in conjunction with its annual Green Festival on March 26.

Children in third to eighth grade are encouraged to enter the My Green Glendale Bookmark Contest with original artwork that depicts how Glendale residents can live a green life. Among the possible topics are conserving water and energy, gardening, recycling, and alternative modes of transportation. Artwork can be created in a variety of mediums.

Amateur photographers 13 and older can enter the My Green Glendale Photo Contest. Photo subjects are up to the photographer's imagination but should depict ways to go "green" in Glendale.

The deadline for each contest is 5 p.m. March 7. All entries will be on display at the Glendale Green Festival where attendees will be able to vote for their favorites. The bookmark and photo contests are organized by the Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living Program, in partnership with the Glendale Library and the Arts Department and Glendale Parks and Recreation Department.

Finalists and winners for each contest will be awarded prizes. For complete contest rules and for more information on the Green Festival, [click here](#) or call 623-930-3535.



**Glendale University 101 Spring 2011 Semester.** Sign up now for the Glendale University 101 spring semester! This free educational program, offered in partnership with Cox Communications, is for Glendale residents and business owners who want to learn more about the city of Glendale and how it operates. Each class highlights key functions of the city, such as police and fire, finance and budget, community services, public services and more. At the first class on March 7, participants will meet Glendale's Mayor and City Council. Please [click here](#) for more information about this 10-week program. The last day for registration is Feb 28th.

### **Downtown Glendale Hosts Three Events in One Day – March 5**

- **Artwerks First Saturdays** • Walkway off 58th Ave. • 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Paris in the Spring French Market and Sidewalk Cafe** • Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court • 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Open Air Market** • 5734 W. Glendale Avenue, Historic Downtown Glendale • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about the March 5 events, [click here](#) or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.

## **Around Town**

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

**Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show.** Join us for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show presented by Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday February 12 and Sunday, February 13. The show is held at Historic Sahuaro Ranch, 9802 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Enjoy tractor pulls, displays and more! Adults \$5; ages 12 and under free. For more details, call 623-930-4200.

**Fine Arts Exhibit at Sahuaro Ranch Park.** Original art by Arizona artists is featured at the Glendale Arts Council Juried Fine Arts Exhibition held through February 20 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Fruit Packing Shed, 9802 N. 59th Ave. The exhibit features a variety of art mediums including watercolor, acrylic, oils, mixed mediums, photography and more on a variety of subjects.

The exhibit hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The exhibit is free, but admission to the park will be \$5 per person for those over 12 years old on Saturday and Sunday, February 12-13, during the 21st Annual Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show. There is no charge to enter the park on all other exhibit dates. For more information, call 623-930-4206.

**Main Library Coffeehouse.** The Main Library welcomes acoustic music lovers to "Coffeehouse" in the Auditorium at 6:30 p.m., on the third Thursday of the month. On February 17, Tom Whitlock and Desert City Ramblers will perform. Videos of these performers are available at <http://www.youtube.com>. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

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